# MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT REGULAR WORK SESSION MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 6:00P.M.

### 1. OPENING

## 1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:10p.m.

### 1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant (Late), Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Devan Martin, Chief of Police, Diamond Plater, Council Clerk, Jeannelle B. Wallace, City Administrator

## 1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Pastor Oscar Broadie, Jr, of Carmody Hills Baptist Church

# 1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve the agenda.

#### 2. PRESENTATIONS:

#### 2.1. None

#### 3. REPORTS:

• 3.1. Mayor Grant thanked Pastor Broadie and guest for attending the meeting. Mayor Grant thanked the Council for their support in the past year and some months. The projects that we agreed to accomplish has been done so together as a team. We are working together through the process of every project. We appreciate your attendance support and posting on your social media accounts. We had four hundred residents to participate, which is the first in the city. We had the top three candidates running for the County

- Executive position that were not on the program to speak, it speaks volumes of the Council. The candidates stayed after and spoke with the residents.
- Mayor Grant stated that he is so proud of the Economic Development Director to bring a grocery store to the City, Good Food Markets. We were successful in keeping it under wraps. We are donating \$250,000 and the County will be putting up \$500,000 and the financing will be processed by Industrial Bank.
- The money in the Housing Trust is purchasing the houses within Seat Pleasant. We are investing within our community. The hopes will be to gain a return on our investment. If we do not get our act together the City will be lost to gentrification. We cannot allow this to happen within our community. We cannot allow the outside influences to hinder us from moving forward.
- We did not have representation from the County Executive Office at the State of the City Address. I was invited to present at a meeting in Baltimore next week. If this comes to fruition, it will be very beneficial for the city.
- Councilmember Jones stated that we need to patent the "Smart City of Excellence". We were successful to pull an IBM employee to work with the City, who still has connections within IBM.
- Carmody Hills Baptist Church and Pastor Broadie will be purchasing houses in Seat Pleasant to re-habilitate and create a first-time buyers program for the members within his church.
- Mayor Grant stated his report is one of congratulatory for each member of the council. Let's keep working together, as no-one can destroy us, but us. Let's keeping on moving forward and continuing to work together.
- We have the charrette that will be coming up soon for the Master Plan. We need the residents to participate. We will have two sessions, one during the day and the other in the evening. We will be using Carmody Hills Baptist Church, the schools and the apartment complexes.
  - **3.2.** Mrs. Wallace stated that the Administration and Finance Department has compiled nine binders for the forensic team to review the Verizon bills.
- We have scheduled the department heads for the BFO Training for this week. Submitted nomination for the Clerk of the Year for the City Clerk Dashaun Lanham, we are hoping that she will receive the recognition this year.
- I am applying for the Achievement Award for the mid-town category for the My Seat Pleasant App.
- We submitted the first draft for the Emergency Operations Plans to approve the Prince George's County for the residents and the Standard Operations

- Procedures for the City. The departments spent time in preparing for the State of the City Address, our luxurious Mayor gave a phenomenal speech. We had received significant compliments.
- The Economic Development Department is continuing to work on the Housing Trust Fund and was successful in bringing the Good Food Store to the City.
- The Public Engagement Department is working on the BAAM for the City. The infrastructure is very old, and the Public Works Department is working with WSSC to resolve the issues.
- The Finance Department report shows that the City has received and exceeded the anticipated revenue and expenditures. We are doing well and staying on-top of the expenditures along with the elected officials handling their fiduciary duties.
- Councilmember Sistrunk stated that she is very appreciative of having Mrs. Wallace here in Seat Pleasant. Her presence in Seat Pleasant has made a world of difference. She thanked Mayor Grant for the State of City has made her very proud to be a resident and councilmember.
- Councilmember Jones stated that she was very proud of the State of City and pleased to see that the gas station lot on Martin Luther King is cleared from all the derelict.
- 3.3. City Council Committee Reports
- The Council Committees did not have any reports for the month of January 2018.
- Council President Yeargin encouraged the Council to meet on a regular basis within their respective committees.

### 4. LEGISLATION

- **4.1. Ordinance O-18-05 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for NPAL Grant** was introduced and read by the City Clerk on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The second reading was conducted on Monday, February 5, 2018. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-18-05. The motion carried and the Ordinance was unanimously approved.
- **4.2.** Ordinance O-18-06 Amendment of Chapter 18-Ethics was introduced by the City Council on Monday, February 5, 2018 and read by the City Clerk.
- **4.3.** Ordinance O-18-07 Amendment of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget to Supplement Cost Centers was introduced by the City Council on Monday, February 5, 2018 and read by the City Clerk.

**4.4.** Resolution R-18-10 Emergence Preparedness and Operation Plan was introduced by the City Council on Monday, February 5, 2018 and read by the City Clerk. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve Resolution R-18-10. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## 5.1. Approval of City Clerk Revised Job Description

• The City Clerk read the revised Job Description for the record. It was motioned by Councilmember Jones and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the City Clerk Job Description. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

## 6.1. District 24 Night in Annapolis, MD

- The City Clerk informed the City Council of District 24 Night being held on Monday, March 5, 2018.
- The City Council agreed to have the Regular Work Session and Public Session meetings on Monday, March 12, 2018. The Regular Work Session will be at 6:00p.m. and the Public Session will be at 7:30p.m.

## 6.2. Approval of City Clerk Revised Job Description

- The City Clerk read the revised Job Description for the record and noted a few discrepancies in the job description.
- The City Council requested for the City Administrator to review and discuss the changes with Human Resources Director for corrections.

## 7 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. Ward II & Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2018, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11: 30a.m.
- 7.2. Public Session, Monday, February 12, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.
- 7.3. Confirmation Hearing, Tuesday, February 20, 2018, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.
- 7.4. Regular Work Session and Public Session, Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6:00p.m. and 7: 30p.m, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers
- 7.5. National League of Cities-Congressional City Conference, Saturday, March 10-Wednesday, March 14, 2018, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel-2660 Woodley Rd., NW, Washington, DC

7.6. Ward II & Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, March 12, 2018, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD from 9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.

**ADJOURN**-The meeting was adjourned at 7:37p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC

City Clerk